

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

JOINT MEETING OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD**, on May 11, 2007 at 1:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chair (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bill Beck
Rep. Tim Callahan
Rep. Edith Clark
Rep. William Glaser
Rep. Ray Hawk
Rep. Cynthia Hiner
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh
Rep. Joey Jayne
Rep. Dave Kasten
Rep. Bill McChesney
Rep. Penny Morgan
Rep. John Musgrove
Rep. Rick Ripley
Rep. John Sesso
Rep. Jack Wells
Rep. Craig Witte

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 4, 5/10/2007
Executive Action: HB 4

00:00:05

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:14 REP. TIM CALLAHAN (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on **HB 4**, Long-range building bill.

00:01:55 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

EXHIBIT(fcs02b01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:11 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:18:21 Mike Mahoney, Warden, Montana State Prison

00:18:50 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

00:19:26 Dick Clark, State Chief Information Officer (CIO)

00:19:42 Mick Robinson, Associate Commissioner of Higher
Education

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:32 Geoffrey Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association
(MTA)

EXHIBIT (fcs02b02)

00:24:04 Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers Telephone Cooperative

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:59 Rep. Sesso to Dick Clark

00:30:08 Sen. Barkus to Director David Ewer

00:35:25 Sen. Barkus to Geoffrey Feiss

00:37:08 Rep. Kasten to Dick Clark

00:37:49 Rep. Kasten to Jeff Brandt, Deputy CIO

00:39:54 Rep. Ripley to Dick Clark

00:41:46 Rep. Ripley to David Ewer

00:43:14 Rep. Sinrud to David Ewer

00:49:50 Rep. Musgrove to Jeff Brandt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:58 Rep. Callahan

00:53:25 Rep. Tropila

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:01 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

JS/pg

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs02bad.pdf](#))